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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S VISIT TO JORDAN

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S AUGUST 10-13 VISIT TO JORDAN WAS FULL OF POMP AND CEREMONY BUT SHORT ON SUBSTANCE. MEXICANS GENERALLY SUPPORTED ARAB POSITION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ALTHOUGH EXPRESSED APPREHENSION AT UN'S BEING WEAKENED BY ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE ITS MEMBERSHIP. EFFORT GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL TO ENTERTAIN 180 MANN ENTOURAGE FOR THREE DAYS TAXED JORDANIAN INEPTITUDE AND ENERGY. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AND GROUP OF 180 SPENT ACTIVE AND HIGHLY VISIBLE THREE DAYS IN JORDAN AUGUST 10-13 EXHAUSTING JORDANIAN HOSTS (WHO AT ONE POINT WERE ALSO JUGGLING VISIT OF SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ AND PARTY) AND IN GENERAL SUPPORTING ARAB  
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POSITIONS ON ME ISSUES. JORDANIANS WHO INITIALLY

DESPAIED OF BEING ABLE TO OCCUPY HUGE CONTINGENT OF MEXICANS FOR THREE DAYS NEVERTHLESS LAID ON FULL PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDE TWO STATE BANQUITS, MILITARY CERMONIES VARIOUS LUNCHEONS AND VISIT TO PETRA ROMAN RUINS OF HERASH AND RESORT PORT OF AQABA. MEDIA COVERAGE PROFUSE IN PART BECAUSE VISIT OVERLAPPED 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF KING HUSSEIN'S ACCESSION TO HASHEMITE THRONE. FOREGOINE CONCLUSION HOWEVER THAT IN SPITE OF FACT VIIST WAS LONGEST IN MEMORY OF AMMAN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY SIGNIFICANCE WAS MINIMAL.

3. INPUBLIC STATEMENTS (BANQUIET SPEECHES AND PRESS CONFERENCES) ECHEVERRIA CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND REGAINING OF LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS ALL IN CONTEXT OF MORE GENERAL THEMESE OF SUPPORT FOR UN. PRESIDENT NOTED IN PRESS CONF THAT HE CAME TO MIDDLE EAST TO OBSERVE RATHER THAN TO PROMOTE SPECIFIC MEXICAN POSITION LATTER WILL BE DECLARED HE SAID DURING FORTHCOMING UNGA. (AMEMBASY AMMAN IS UNABLE TO FIND IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ANY MENTION OF OCTOBER 5 AS DATE OF ECHEVERRIAS ATTENDANCE AT UNGA, AS REPORTED REFTTEL.) LOCAL PRESS PRINTED ECHEVERRIAS STATEMENT REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT UN MUST NOT BE WEAKENED BY ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE ITS MEMBERSHIP (GOJ CONTROLLED EDITORIAL OPINION IN PRESS HAS C PAST SUPPORTED EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN).

4. FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE REPEATED ABOVE THEMES AND INCLUDED STATEMENT, "THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE NEED TO GUARANTEE THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA. A SENTIMENT WITH WHICH HUSSEIN PRESUMABLY CHOSE NOT TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF PUBLICLY(ALTHOUGH HE HAS DONE SO IN PAST PRESS INTERVIEW). COMMUNIQUE ALSO DEVELOPED THEME OF GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD AND INCLUDED ECHEVARRIAS PROPOSAL FOR SAFEGUARDING PRICES OF THIRD WORLD PRIMARY PRODUCTS. KING HUSSEIN SUPPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN MIDDLE EAST.

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5. CONCRETE RESULTS OF VISIT SLIM. AGREEMENT ON TRADE, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION COOPERATIO WAS SIGNED AND INVITATION EXTENDED BY ECHEVEARRIA TO KING HUSSEIN TO VISIT MEXICO. OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED. JORDANIANS ARE STILL WONDERING JUST HOW AND WHY IT ALL HAPPENED BUT AS USUAL THEY PERFORMED WITH GRACE AND GOOD HUMOR. PICKERING

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